

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RAZDOG HOLDINGS LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

TWITCH INTERACTIVE, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 24-cv-03638-JSC

**PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 1: CASE
SCHEDULE**

Following the Initial Case management Conference held on September 26, 2024, IT IS
ORDERED:

I. CASE MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE
Initial Disclosures	Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Infringement Contentions and Accompanying Document Production	Monday, January 13, 2025
Invalidity Contentions and Accompanying Document Production	Monday, January 13, 2025
Exchange of Proposed Terms for Construction	Monday, January 27, 2025
Exchange of Preliminary Claim Constructions and Extrinsic Evidence / Deadline to Amend Pleadings	Monday, February 17, 2025
Damages Contentions and Accompanying Document Production	Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Joint Claim Construction and Prehearing Statement	Friday, March 14, 2025
Responsive Damages Contentions and Accompanying Document Production	Thursday, April 3, 2025
Completion of Claim Construction Discovery	Monday, April 21, 2025
Opening Claim Construction Brief	Monday, May 5, 2025
Responsive Claim Construction Brief	Monday, May 19, 2025
Reply Claim Construction Brief	Monday, May 26, 2025
Tutorial	Tuesday, June 17, 2025
Claim Construction hearing	Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Damages Contentions Meeting	Monday, June 9, 2025
Close of Fact Discovery	Tuesday, August 5, 2025
Expert Disclosure (Initial)	Friday, September 19, 2025
Expert Disclosure (Rebuttal)	Friday, October 17, 2025
Close of Expert Discovery	Friday, November 21, 2025
Deadline to File Daubert and Dispositive Motions	Friday, December 5, 2025

1 A further Case Management Conference is scheduled for **March 5, 2025** via Zoom video.
2 An updated Joint Case Management Conference Statement is due seven days before the
3 conference. The statement need not repeat the information in previous statements. *See* Judge
4 Corley Civil Standing Order at 2, Section E (CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT). It should,
5 however, address the timing and type of initial ADR in light of the discussion at the September
6 26, 2024 conference.

7 **II. DISCOVERY DEADLINES**

8 All depositions must be noticed at least 30 days before the close of fact discovery. Any
9 discovery-related letter briefs or motions are due one week after the close of fact discovery. The
10 same rules apply to expert discovery. *See* N.D. Cal. Civ. L.R. 37-3. For requests for admissions,
11 the parties are limited to 50 requests each, not including requests for admission for the sole
12 purpose of document authentication. For depositions of expert witnesses, the parties are limited
13 to seven hours of deposition for each expert report.

14 The parties have agreed that each side may have up to 50 requests for admission. The
15 parties shall continue to meet and confer regarding number of depositions versus hours.

16 **III. TRIAL DATE**

17 A. Jury trial will begin on June 1, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., in Courtroom 8, 19th Floor, U.S.
18 District Court, 450 Golden Gate, San Francisco, California.

19 B. The Court is expecting the length of the trial to not exceed 5 court days. Each side
20 is likely to be limited to 10 hours for direct and cross-examination; additional time is given for
21 openings and closings and potentially for willfulness issues.

22 **IV. PRETRIAL CONFERENCE**

23 A Final Pretrial Conference shall be held on May 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., in Courtroom 8,
24 19th Floor. Lead trial counsel for each party shall attend.

25 A. At least seven days prior to date of the Final Pretrial Conference the parties shall do
26 the following:

27 1. In lieu of preparing a Joint Pretrial Conference Statement, the parties shall
28 meet and confer in person, and then prepare and file a jointly signed Proposed Final Pretrial Order

that contains: (a) a brief description of the substance of claims and defenses which remain to be decided; (b) a statement of all relief sought; (c) all stipulated facts; (d) a joint exhibit list in numerical order, including a brief description of the exhibit and Bates numbers, a blank column for when it will be offered into evidence, a blank column for when it may be received into evidence, and a blank column for any limitations on its use; and (e) each party's separate witness list for its case-in-chief witnesses (including those appearing by deposition), including, for all such witnesses (other than party plaintiffs or defendants), a short statement of the substance of his/her testimony and, separately, what, if any, non-cumulative testimony the witness will offer. For each witness, state an hour/minute time estimate for the direct examination (only). Items (d) and (e) should be submitted as appendices to the proposed order. The proposed order should also state which issues, if any, are for the Court to decide, rather than the jury.

2. File a joint set of proposed instructions on substantive issues of law arranged in a logical sequence. If undisputed, an instruction shall be identified as "Stipulated Instruction No. ____ Re _____," with the blanks filled in as appropriate. If disputed, each version of the instruction shall be inserted together, back-to-back, in their logical place in the overall sequence. Each such disputed instruction shall be identified as, for example, "Disputed Instruction No. ____ Re _____ Offered by _____," with the blanks filled in as appropriate. All disputed versions of the same basic instruction shall bear the same number. Any modifications to a form instruction must be plainly identified. If a party does not have a counter version and simply contends that no such instruction in any version should be given, then that party should so state (and explain why) on a separate page inserted in lieu of an alternate version. With respect to form preliminary instructions, general instructions, or concluding instructions, please simply cite to the numbers of the requested instructions in the current edition of the Ninth Circuit Model Jury Instructions. Other than citing the numbers, the parties shall not include preliminary, general, or concluding instructions in the packet.

3. File a separate memorandum of law in support of each party's disputed instructions, if any, organized by instruction number.

4. File a joint set of proposed voir dire questions supplemented as necessary

1 by separate requests.

2 5. File trial briefs on any controlling issues of law.

3 6. File proposed verdict forms, joint or separate.

4 7. File and serve any objections to exhibits.

5 8. File a joint simplified Statement of the Case to be read to the jury during
6 voir dire as part of the proposed jury instructions. Unless the case is extremely complex, this
7 statement should not exceed one page.

8 B. Any motions in limine shall be submitted as follows: at least twenty (20) calendar
9 days before the conference, the moving party shall serve, but not file, the opening brief. At least
10 ten (10) calendar days before the conference, the responding party shall serve the opposition.
11 There will be no reply. When the oppositions are received, the moving party should collate the
12 motion and the opposition together, back-to-back, and then file the paired sets at least seven (7)
13 calendar days before the conference. Each motion should be presented in a separate memorandum
14 and properly identified, for example, "Plaintiff's Motion in Limine No. 1 to Exclude" Each
15 party is limited to bringing five motions in limine. The parties are encouraged to stipulate where
16 possible, for example, as to the exclusion of witnesses from the courtroom. Each motion should
17 address a single, separate topic, and contain no more than seven pages of briefing per side.

18 C. Hard-copy courtesy copies of the above documents shall be delivered by NOON
19 the day after filing. The Joint Proposed Final Pretrial Order, jury instructions, and verdict form
20 shall also be submitted via e-mail as Word attachments to jsc_settlement@cand.uscourts.gov. The
21 Court requests that all hard-copy submissions be three-hole-punched.

22 **V. PRETRIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

23 A. Should a daily transcript and/or real-time reporting be desired, the parties shall
24 make arrangements with Kristen Melen, Supervisor of the Court Reporting Services, at
25 (415) 522-2079, at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the trial date.

26 B. During trial, counsel may wish to use overhead projectors, laser-disk/computer
27 graphics, poster blow-ups, models, or specimens of devices. Equipment should be shared by all
28 counsel to the maximum extent possible. The Court provides no equipment other than an easel.

1 The United States Marshal requires a court order to allow equipment into the courthouse. For
2 electronic equipment, parties should be prepared to maintain the equipment or have a technician
3 handy at all times. The parties shall tape extension cords to the carpet for safety. The parties may
4 work with the deputy clerk, Ada Means (415-522-2015), on all courtroom-layout issues.

5 **SCHEDULING**

6 Trial will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 or 3:00 p.m., depending on the availability
7 of witnesses, Monday through Friday. Counsel must arrive by 8:15 a.m., or earlier as needed, for
8 any matters to be heard out of the presence of the jury. The jury will be called at 8:30 a.m.

9 **THE JURY**

10 The Jury Office asks prospective jurors to complete an online jury questionnaire in
11 advance of their summons date. The standard questionnaire available on the Northern District's
12 website at [http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/attorneys/Internet-version_Standard-](http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/attorneys/Internet-version_Standard-CAND-Trial_SurveyMonkey_3-2022.pdf)
13 [CAND-Trial_SurveyMonkey_3-2022.pdf](http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/attorneys/Internet-version_Standard-CAND-Trial_SurveyMonkey_3-2022.pdf). The parties are allowed to add 10 case specific
14 questions to the questionnaire. The parties shall meet and confer, and to the extent possible, file a
15 joint list of proposed questions to add to the questionnaire. To the extent that the parties cannot
16 agree, they may submit separate proposed questions from which the Court will choose 10. The
17 parties joint or separate submissions are due 21 days before trial. The Court will provide the
18 parties with the survey responses the Friday before trial.

19 In civil cases, there are no alternate jurors and the jury is selected as follows: Eighteen to
20 twenty jurors are called to fill the jury box and the row in front of the bar, and are given numbers
21 (1 through 20). The remaining potential jurors will be seated in the public benches. Hardship
22 excuses will usually be considered at this point. Counsel may conduct a limited voir dire.
23 Challenges for cause will then be addressed out of the presence of the potential jurors. The Court
24 will consider whether to fill in the seats of the stricken jurors. If so, questions will be asked of the
25 additional jurors and cause motions as to them will be considered. After a short recess, each side
26 may exercise its allotment of peremptory challenges out of the presence of the potential jurors.
27 The eight (or such other size as will constitute the jury) surviving the challenge process with the
28 lowest numbers become the final jury. If more (or fewer) than eight jurors are to be seated, then

the starting number will be adjusted. So too if more than a total of six peremptories are allowed. Once the jury selection is completed, the jurors' names will be read again and they will be seated in the jury box and sworn. The Court may alter this procedure in its discretion and after consultation with the parties.

WITNESSES

At the close of each trial day, all counsel shall exchange a list of witnesses for the next two full court days and the exhibits that will be used during direct examination (other than for impeachment of an adverse witness). Within 24 hours of such notice, all other counsel shall provide any objections to such exhibits and shall provide a list of all exhibits to be used with the same witness on cross-examination (other than for impeachment). The first notice shall be exchanged prior to the first day of trial. All such notices shall be provided in writing.

EXHIBITS

A. Prior to the Final Pretrial Conference, counsel must meet and confer in person to consider all exhibit numbers and objections and to eliminate duplicate exhibits and confusion over the precise exhibit.

B. Use numbers only, not letters, for exhibits, preferably the same numbers as were used in depositions. Blocks of numbers should be assigned to fit the need of the case (e.g., Plaintiff has 1 to 100, Defendant A has 101 to 200, Defendant B has 201 to 300, etc.). A single exhibit should be marked only once. If the plaintiff has marked an exhibit, then the defendant should not re-mark the exact document with another number. Different versions of the same document, e.g., a copy with additional handwriting, must be treated as different exhibits with different numbers. To avoid any party claiming "ownership" of an exhibit, all exhibits shall be marked and referred to as "Trial Exhibit No. _____," not as "Plaintiff's Exhibit" or "Defendant's Exhibit."

C. Exhibits tags: Exhibits must be labeled in the lower right-hand corner with the exhibit number in a prominent, bold typeface.

D. Counsel must consult with each other and with the deputy clerk at the end of each trial day and compare notes as to which exhibits are in evidence and any limitations thereon. If

there are any differences, counsel should bring them promptly to the Court's attention.

E. The parties shall provide the Court with one official set of the record exhibits seven (7) days before the Pretrial Conference. Each exhibit must be separated with a label divider identifying the exhibit number. Spine labels should indicate the numbers of the exhibits that are in the binders. At trial, the parties shall provide individual witness exhibit binders which contain all the exhibits the parties expect to use with the witness. The parties shall provide two copies of each witness binder: one for the witness and one for the Court.

F. Before the closing arguments, counsel must confer with the deputy clerk to make sure the exhibits in evidence are in good order.

G. Exhibit notebooks for the jury will not be permitted without prior permission from the Court. Publication must be by poster blow-up, overhead projection, or such other method as is allowed in the circumstances. It is permissible to highlight, circle or underscore in the enlargements as long as it is clear that it was not on the original.

CHARGING CONFERENCE

As the trial progresses and the evidence is heard, the Court will fashion a comprehensive set of jury instructions to cover all issues actually being tried. Prior to the close of the evidence, the Court will provide a draft final charge to the parties. After a reasonable period for review, one or more charging conferences will be held at which each party may object to any passage, ask for modifications, or ask for additions. Any instruction request must be renewed specifically at the conference or it will be deemed waived, whether or not it was requested prior to trial. If, however, a party still wishes to request an omitted instruction after reviewing the Court's draft, then it must affirmatively re-request it at the charging conference in order to give the Court a fair opportunity to correct any error. Otherwise, as stated, the request will be deemed abandoned or waived.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 26, 2024


JACQUELINE SCOTT CORLEY
United States District Judge